

REMARKS

Applicants respond herein to each of the issues raised in the Final Action. To facilitate the Examiner's reconsideration of the present rejections, only new issues will be addressed herein. However, Applicants incorporate by reference herein Applicants' previous amendment to ensure that this Amendment is considered fully responsive to all issues raised in the Final Action. Applicants submit that the present application is in form for allowance for the reasons discussed below.

Electronic Copy of This Amendment:

As requested by the Examiner at page 6 of the Office Action, an electronic copy of this amendment is submitted herewith.

The Prior Art Rejections:

Claims 1-12 stand rejected as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in light of United States Patent No. 5,748,882 to Huang ("Huang") in view of United States Patent No. 6,058,426 to Godwin *et al.* ("Godwin"). Office Action, p. 2. Claims 13-15 stand rejected as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in light of Huang and Godwin and further in view of United States Patent No. 5,321,835 to Tanaka ("Tanaka"). Office Action, p. 4. Applicants note that the later rejection is obviated in light of the cancellation of Claims 13-15.

In responding to Applicants' arguments from the previous Amendment regarding restarting from the initial start point, the Final Action asserts that the claims as previously presented were subject to a broader interpretation than asserted by Applicants. Final Action, pp. 4-5. Accordingly, independent Claims 1, 5 and 9 have been amended above to make it clear that the initial starting point is an initial starting point of the requests, not of the task that is executing the requests. Applicants further note that errors in now canceled Claims 13-15 may have inadvertently contributed to the broader interpretation applied by the Examiner and, accordingly, these claims have been canceled as their wording could be interpreted in a manner contrary to the meaning of the claims as pending after entry of this amendment.

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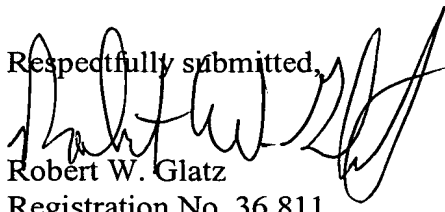
Applicants' note that the Final Action continues to assert the same portions of the references as disclosing restarting at the initial start point of the requests. As clearly implied by the Final Action's comments regarding a broad interpretation of these recitations before the present amendment, the Final Action essentially acknowledges the previous Amendment's arguments that the cited prior art fails to disclose restarting at an initial start point of the requests. Accordingly, the rejections of the claims should be withdrawn for at least these reasons.

Applicant's further submit that the particular use of a work in process queue and a work pending queue for restarting a task at an initial start point of a request being executed by that task is also not disclosed in any of the cited references. Furthermore, the references are not properly combined in the manner relied on as discussed in the previous Amendment. Accordingly, the rejections of the claims should also be withdrawn for at least these additional reasons.

Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance of the present application. If further informalities are noted, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to expedite allowance of the present application.

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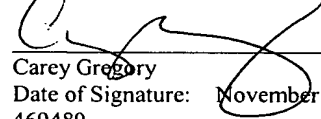
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